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[11](#). (C) Charge urged a supportive UAE public statement on the Iraqi Leaders Agreement with MFA Acting U/S Tariq Al Haidan on August 28, 29 and again on August 30. Al Haidan initially offered his frank opinion that it would be difficult ("Do we always have to make public statements?"), but after Charge pressed the issue said that he would pass the request to Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed (AbZ), currently on holiday in Europe. To date at least, WAM (UAE Official News Agency) has carried no statement from the UAE Nor reported any statements from other Arab leaders.

[12](#). (C) Post has a call into AbZ's traveling party and will continue to encourage a UAE statement.

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